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ATTENTION OF:


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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Forces Korea (USFK) Personnel

SUBJECT: 2011 Commander's Holiday Message

1. To all of our dedicated service-members, civilians, and family members—Happy Holidays. Your hard work and dedication maintains the armistice, deterring aggression against the Republic of Korea (ROK) and contributes to stability throughout Northeast Asia. Your efforts are what make the ROK-U.S. Alliance the strongest in the world. The American and Korean people are grateful for the sacrifices you are making to defend freedom on the Korean Peninsula.
2. We are all part of a tremendous team. Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Department of Defense civilians work closely with our ROK counterparts throughout the year. We have all learned how gracious the Korean people are, and how special this country is. Take time over the holidays to explore this great land and learn about its great people. While doing so, give our hosts an opportunity to better know who we are as Americans. Remember, when you are out exploring Korea, you are goodwill ambassadors for the United States and the American people. Represent us well.
3. It is never easy to be away from home and family during the holidays, especially when it may be your first time. Some of you are fortunate to have your families here with you. For those that do, please take time to open your homes to those fellow service members who are not able to be with their loved ones. All of us, regardless of branch of service, are part of the USFK family. We follow in the footsteps of the generations of Americans who have defended freedom, served the nation far from home, and looked after those they served with.
4. Take advantage of the upcoming training holidays and half-day schedule to rest, relax, and refit. Spend quality time with your family, travel, and celebrate the holidays. Find the time to recharge your batteries, but always be ready to fight tonight.
5. Thank you for your service to our nation. Your hard work and dedication continue to strengthen our already tremendous alliance.
6. Dee and I wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a very Happy New Year.


JAMES D. THURMAN
General, U.S. Army
Commander